

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1217

By Vaughn

A RESOLUTION to commend Van Roberts for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Van Roberts is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Representative Nathan Vaughn and Senator Ron Ramsey; Mr. Roberts' work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure in Nashville, Van has distinguished himself not only as the first sixteen-year-old and the first home-schooled student to serve as a full-time intern with the Tennessee General Assembly, but also as a diligent worker who is always willing to take on new challenges; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being a stellar scholar, Mr. Roberts is a gifted athlete who has excelled in baseball, golf and track; and

WHEREAS, Van was a varsity member of the Johnson City University School Golf Team that won District Tournament and Regional Tournament Championships and participated in the 2001 State Golf Tournament; and

WHEREAS, he was also a varsity member of the Johnson City University School Baseball Team that won District Tournament and Regional Tournament Championships and participated in the 2002 State Baseball Tournament; and

WHEREAS, Van was previously selected "Best Middle Distance Runner" at John Sevier Middle School; and

WHEREAS, a civic-minded citizen of the highest order, Mr. Roberts is very well informed about international and domestic affairs; he participated in a Model United Nations meeting at

Appalachian State University as a valuable member of the Ireland delegation, which, with Van's help, won the award for "Best Delegation"; and

WHEREAS, he expresses his faith through worship at Boone Trail Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Van's myriad accomplishments are a great source of pride for his parents, Larry and Sherry Roberts of Jonesborough; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexity of Tennessee state government and to further his studies, Mr. Roberts brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2004 session of the One Hundred Third General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Roberts has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum and was an active participant in the Josh Parker for Intern Speaker campaign; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2004 legislative session, Van Roberts has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Van Roberts for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Representative Nathan Vaughn and Senator Ron Ramsey and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.